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WEGLEIN'S WELCOME WORDS
RICHARD WEGLEIN, president of the Council, has come back from Florida with the right feeling toward the 1924 bill.

CHAOS IN WASHINGTON
IT IS being whispered that Senator Borah, fiercest enemy of the Four-Power Treaty, has been conferring and receiving fresh inspiration from Mr. Wilson.

VOLUNTEER DRY-AGENTS
SAYNES of the volunteer movement to aid prohibition enforcement in this State marks the beginning of a new phase of the Volstead experiment.

THE GHOST HUNTERS
FAR in the background of almost every mind there is a dim belief in ghosts.

WHY CRIME INCREASES
WHATEVER any one else may think about it, one of the great sureties companies is convinced that there has been an increase in crime within the last year.

this troubled and isolated planet is a flash of time between eons, an experience with forces that the human mind cannot comprehend.

THE 4-POWER TREATY IS VITAL TO WORLD RECONSTRUCTION

THE breadth of view necessary to a proper appraisal of the Four-Power Pacific Treaty and renunciation of partisanship in estimating its worth are precisely what were lacking in much of the consideration of the League-of-Nations covenant.

It is a historical fact that the merits of that program were obscured in a political controversy of exceptional intensity.

An honest estimate of the meaning and pretensions of the arbitral arrangement among the United States, Great Britain and Japan cannot be made by raking up bitter memories.

Mr. Lodge's views regarding international adjustments have not always coincided with those of this newspaper.

it. In 1920 only 2314 burglary claims were presented for payment, while last year there were 3487, an increase of more than 50 per cent.

VARE'S BOOM FOR MACKAY

WOMEN who have not been accustomed to interpreting the political news are likely to draw incorrect inferences from the pronouncements of the political leaders.

Take, for purposes of illustration, Senator Vare's talk about Harry A. Mackay and the governorship.

Without any doubt he would be delighted with the nomination of Mackay, because then he would have a Governor of his own and could play politics on a broader stage than that on which he now makes his exits and his entrances.

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SHORT CUTS

Every time Lloyd George is bumped he bounces.
It may not always be soft for the hard-coal men.
Two spring attacks: Income tax and carpet tacks.

The Mayor's trouble is that he has more friends than he knows what to do with.
'I'm' said the prospective recipient of the Pawnebroke Bonus, 'Three balls and out.'

The one objection to a bonus sales tax is that it would be perfectly good tax wasted.
The Capitol Hill and Vore Combines may yet dispose of each other Kilkenny cat fashion.

The United States Senate continues to juggle with a sword, a bladder and the peace of the world.
If Republicans don't clean house in Harrisburg there is possibility that somebody else will do it for them.

Ireland wants the next Olympic games. Fine! And as a preliminary let the fields be cleared in Limerick and Belfast.
Dr. Prince is desperately afraid he will be cold in the haunted house in Antigonish, Here's hoping the ghosts will make it warm for him.

When the Belfast women tore down the Irish Free State flag it was perhaps the idea that they thus proved their fitness for self-government.
It is authoritatively announced that Eamon de Valera has declined the title of Knight Commander of Michael (Collins) and (Lloyd) George.

'When this bucket-shop gate falls down and kills somebody,' ruminates the District Attorney, 'somebody else is liable to come along and hang it.'
Fordney says party lines will disappear when the bonus comes up for consideration. To give way to lines of worry perhaps; a few lines from home.

The Delaware peach crop has not yet begun to suffer from the frost, but when or if it does we can put the blame on the Federal Reserve Banks.
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The House Ways and Means Committee, we are informed, will stand pat on its bonus plan. It now remains to be seen whether Congress will allow a four-flush to occupy the pot.
Is that Mr. Reilly, can any one tell, That gave Porto Rico its torrid spell? Yes, that's Mr. Reilly, respected so highly, And, still smiling wryly, we wish the man well.

Asbury Park, N. J., debating society decides that Jack Dempsey and Thomas A. Edison are the highest types of America's successful men. Wonder how Edison came to get any votes?
See-saw, Margery Daw, Meet him with a new cargo, With arms on the way, We may cheerfully say, 'Again we may lift the embargo.'

The Audubon Societies have received a gift of \$200,000 for reservations for birds. These birds are modest. For reservations that really cost something see those other birds in the United States Senate.
We gather from the rush of steam through the brazen whistles of the protesting opposition that there is more power packed in the four-Power pact than the boilers of the ocean can stand. Good old safety valves!

From Petersburg, Fla., comes the story of a pelican on the Coffee Pot Course ending a game by swallowing a golf ball. Attune your ears to the twang the lyre to the lilt of an ancient Limerick: Said a Petersburg, Florida, pelican, 'When I swallowed a ball as a relic, an Admirer might say, "Well, I'd give it to you." But Bob Maxwell avers, 'Yes like hellican.'

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SPEAKING OF SPOOKS

absence of them in Germany, where in a great many communities street sounds, unless actually necessary, are 'verbotten'.

'Years ago, I remember an old colored woman with a huge platter of strawberries, which she carried on her head and used to haunt the vicinity of Eighth and Spruce streets.

'In New York there was a colored man who also carried his platter of wares on his head. He sold honey and would call the word 'honey' four times on a high note and on the last syllable descend an octave with a gliding tone which was far from disagreeable.

'These sounds, so full of color and character, have now pretty well ceased in the larger communities. There are several reasons for this. House-to-house selling has stopped to a large extent, being superseded by improved and more profitable methods of merchandizing, and this is perhaps the chief reason why we no longer hear these attractive sounds during the day and the early evening.

'Machinery and electricity, which have come to mean general use, furnish another reason why the cries of the streets have largely disappeared. Modern advertising is still another, as all these things tend toward selling in bulk and therefore make the street vender, to a certain extent, a thing of the past.

'The watermelon call still persists during the summer months, but this is largely because the peddler is likely to be a Negro recently from the South, and therefore a person who is carrying out the traditions of less progressive communities. There are still some vegetable and fruit dealers going about with their wares, and the raucous bark 'any old rag?' gets even into the suburbs.

'The passing of the street calls and of the pleasing street music unquestionably robs the city of a great deal of color. American cities are becoming monotonous in a great many ways. This is so because of the chain stores. One may go on Main street in every city, town and hamlet from the Atlantic to the Pacific and be sure to run into the same fronts, displaying the same kind of goods, with little or no personality and a mechanical uniformity which makes it appear as if our great cities were tumbled out of an immense city-making machine.

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1830—The three months' war between France and Mexico was ended.

1847—Michigan Legislature passed a bill for the State capital at Lansing.

1862—Battle between the Monitor and the Merrimack in Hampton Roads.

1880—Empress Elizabeth of Austria visited Queen Victoria at Windsor.

1901—Count Tolstoy, the Russian author, philosopher and reformer, was excommunicated by the Orthodox Greek Church.

1905—Dr. Oliver C. Hough was convicted at Boston O. of the murder of his father, mother and brother.

1921—The Allies took charge of the customs duties in several German cities.

Today's Birthdays
Edward G. Acheson, the chemist who was famous and fortunate through his discovery of carborundum, born at Washington, Pa., sixty-six years ago.

J. Waldo Smith, celebrated construction engineer and builder, born at Lincoln, Mass., sixty-one years ago.

Eddie Foy, a veteran comedian of the American stage, born in New York City, sixty-eight years ago.

NOW MY IDEA IS THIS!

Daily Talks With Thinking Philadelphians on Subjects They Know Best

JAMES FRANCIS COOKE
On Distinctive City Calls

THE street calls and noises of a great city are as distinctive of each great center of population as anything connected with it, according to James Francis Cooke, editor of The Etude and president of the Philadelphia Music Teachers' Association.

'The music of the streets of old Philadelphia,' said Mr. Cooke, 'may not have always been euphonious or harmonious, but it certainly gave a distinctive color and character to the city which was possessed by no other in the country. It is to be regretted that with the conveniences of modern urban life we should be compelled to sacrifice these features of sound which added so much to the special character of the city.'

'Each of the great cities of the world has its own peculiar calls and sounds, which are not duplicated even closely by those of any other great center of population. Each is a law unto itself in this respect.

'Have Some Musical Value
'Those street cries have certain musical attributes, which have not been overlooked by some of the most nationalistic composers. Charpentier in his opera 'Louise' has given a prominent place to the street calls and sounds of Paris, and, to go much further back, Orlando Gibbons and other musicians turned these sounds into what was known as 'Fancies,' some of which achieved great popularity.

'The street sounds of Naples have long been a favorite field for Italian composers, not only to introduce as part of the local musical color, but also for themselves, although the treatment such sounds have received from the composers has done much to establish their permanent musical position. Among the latest of the modern Italians to use this form of expression is Malipiero.

'Among the European cities, London is perhaps the most distinctive and one of the most fertile in the number of street calls it possesses. Sir Frederick Bridge, in a recent address, gave a partial list of some of the older street cries used in the metropolis of the British Empire. Sir Frederick asserts that there were thirteen different cries for fish, eighteen for fruit, eleven for vegetables, thirteen for articles of clothing, fourteen for household articles, fourteen for different kinds of food, nine tradesmen's cries, begging cries, and cries of prisoners and Hellam and five watchmen's calls.

'Philadelphia is not behind the other great cities in the number and the characteristic qualities of her street calls and sounds. It is true that they are not so numerous as they formerly were, and some of the most interesting ones have apparently disappeared. But there are thousands who remember a few of the best known of them, such as 'pepper pot,' 'all hot,' 'sweet corn,' 'strawberries' and others. Little is left of these musical and interesting calls, especially on the leading thoroughfares where they once resounded daily, except the nasal yawn of the newsboy, the whine of a few ragmen and that of an occasional scissors grinder.

'A Peculiar Legacy
'Some of the street calls are legacies handed down from one generation to another, where the 'business' has descended from father to son. Thus the manner of calling the daily newspapers in certain cities, Philadelphia among them, is in some instances set to different melodic motifs, if we may apply this term.

'Street hawking is the most primitive type of calling, and if one will go to the Italian quarters of Philadelphia on some busy market night, he will find the street-vendors still calling their wares in characteristic and not unmelodious sounds. This fact is particularly true of the East Side in New York, where the noise often reaches almost pandemonium. In fact, New York has retained the street noises of a quarter of a century ago to a greater extent than has Philadelphia.

'Acting Natural
'From the Astorian Globe.
'As you told we should act natural and do natural things, I have taken a walk along with you to do things that seem natural to him but that he landed in the penitentiary.

'What Do You Know?
QUIZ
1. How many feet make a statute knot?
2. What were the names of the Siamese twins?
3. Where was ancient Babylon located?
4. What is the meaning of the prefix 'Fitz' in such names as Fitzjames and Fitzgibbon?
5. What is the origin of the expression, 'the cup that cheers but not inebriates'?
6. What State did Secretary of the Interior Fall formerly represent in the Senate?
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'Answers to Yesterday's Quiz
1. The architectural style which has for its distinguishing feature the column with capitals carved in scrolls is called the Ionic.
2. Human lavatory at present exists in Abyssinia.
3. Barbados is the most densely populated island of the West Indies.
4. Philadelphia is the American headquarters of the game of cricket.
5. Henry C. Wallace is Secretary of Agriculture in President Harding's Cabinet.
6. Culture in President Harding's Cabinet.
7. The two main divisions of the human brain are the cerebrum and the cerebellum.
8. The Rock of Gibraltar is 1425 feet high.
9. The Philadelphia Enforcement Act is named after Andrew J. Volstead.
10. The accent in the word gondola falls upon the first syllable.



HUMANISMS

By WILLIAM ATHERTON DU PUY
SENATOR JOHN SHARPE WILLIAMS
is more often spoken of in the superlative than any other member of Congress.

It is said of him that he is the best claimant on Capitol Hill.

As floor leader of the Democrats in the House of Representatives his claim to being the fastest man on his intellectual feet is that body was undisputed.

He is the only man of whom Uncle Joe Cannon was ever suspected of being afraid in forensic combat.

He says of himself that he is the only man who ever went to Heidelberg back in that period forty years ago who did not afterward claim to be a classmate of the Kaiser.

He is the man in Congress who wears the most exaggerated type of 'corrugated' trousers.

Finally, he is the most absent-minded man in Congress. There is the oft-told story as to the occasion when he dressed for a reception, taking great care as to the condition of his hair, shirtfront, necktie. Finally regarding himself as being duly arrayed, he presented himself to his secretary.

'How do I look?' he wanted to know. 'Pretty good, upstairs,' said the secretary, 'but I would suggest that you put on your trousers.'

Elmer Dovers, who, as a youngster, was secretary to Mark Hanna in his President-making days, has come back to Washington as Assistant Secretary of Treasury.

He was talking with him the other day and he showed me a clipping from a newspaper published eighteen years ago. This clipping said that he had been offered and had declined the identical position which he now holds.

Twenty-five years ago, M. O. Eldridge, of the American Automobile Association, told me there were just four automobiles in the United States.

Ten years ago, there were 700,000 machines, all gasolene cars. Today there are ten million motor vehicles, one million of them trucks, children of a single decade.

The railroads of the nation, its most expensive asset, tracks, terminals, rolling stock, everything, are worth twenty billion dollars.

The automobile industry, the cars in existence, the garages that house them (not fast has the baby grown), likewise represent a wealth of twenty billion dollars.

George Wharton Pepper, new Senator from Pennsylvania, is past fifty years of age but is probably the huskiest and most athletic man of his years in public life.

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